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COMMISSION ON AIDS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chairman of the PM's Economic Advisory Council is to hold world first independent commission on AIDS;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the main functions of this commission;

(d) the number of countries likely to be represented in this commission;

(e) whether the role of the commission is advisory in nature; and

(f) if so, the extent to which this commission likely to resolve the problem of AIDS in Asia-pacific region?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The Independent Commission on AIDS for Asia and the Pacific is an initiative taken by UNAIDS. The Commission is an independent body of experts to study the socio economic implications and impact of HIV and AIDS on the countries in the Asia and Pacific Region .The Chairman of the PM`s Economic Advisory Council in his individual capacity has been requested by UNAIDS to Chair the Commission.

(c): The main functions of the Commission are to assess the status of AIDS epidemic and programmes in place for prevention and control, analyze the socio-economic impact at household, community, workplace and societal levels as well as analyze medium and long term implications of HIV on the socio-economic environment in the effected countries.

(d): The Commission is comprised of 10 experts from 7 different countries.

(e): Yes sir,

(f): The report of the Commission is likely to be an advocacy document for enhancing effective measures for the prevention and control of HIV/AIDS in the Region.